

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the existing Abstract with the following substitute Abstract:

RES-Q-SCOPE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A multiple function laryngoscope for safe rapid intubation of a patient's trachea during a respiratory emergency or as an elective procedure utilizes an optical fiber or a digital (CMOS) imaging system. A reusable handle houses a battery and light source, and has a positioning mechanism with an image viewer at the proximal end, which may be a conventional eyepiece lens or a LCD screen. An elongate optical fiber or digital image conductor passing through the positioning mechanism feeds a distal image to the image viewer. A disposable curved scabbard releasably attached to the handle has a channel for the image conductor with a lens at the distal end, a suction/oxygenation channel with a connector at the proximal end, and a serpentine dorsal endotracheal tube channel with a wavy top opening having inwardly curved portions along its length that provide snug preloading and releasable engagement of different sizes of endotracheal tubes.